

## State of the City

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issues that we deal with on an ongoing basis include street sweeping, snow removal, accessible sidewalk ramps, sidewalks, trees, floodwall and gates, street signs and markings, municipal complex and city-owned property and equipment. Other challenges will include the improvement of the quality of housing within some neighborhoods, increasing the city revenue stream and keeping up with ever-changing technology. Perhaps the biggest and most continuous challenge for Newport and surrounding cities is addressing the question of how to pay for the delivery of public services to our residents. The cost of service continues to grow, mainly due to increasing personnel costs. These costs make up a considerable amount of our annual budget. With many cities having their own police, fire and public works departments, consolidation of these services must be examined and potentially implemented.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, Newport ended with a General Fund Balance of \$2,039,112. During the current fiscal year, we anticipate spending several hundred thousand dollars in street repairs. A list of streets scheduled for work will be posted on our website. Additionally, other capital improvements for the year include mast arm replacement at several intersections, rebuilding the intersection at Third and Washington, slippage repairs on Grandview Avenue and repairing the Barrel Vaults under the Purple People Bridge. We continue to operate with a very small staff and make every effort to provide a high quality of service at a reasonable cost. Our goals continue to be further redevelopment (both residential and commercial), working on quality-of-life issues (such as parks and recreation) and maintaining a safe, walkable community. From a fiscal perspective, we will continue to work on growing revenues, keeping our expenses reasonable, reducing and eliminating the use of Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN), reducing the amount of debt service and continuing improvement of the City credit rating of A- by Standard & Poor's.

Thanks for your interest and efforts to continue to make Newport a great place to live, work, shop and play. Great things are happening in Newport now!

-Thomas J. Fromme, City Manager

## Make a Splash this Summer!



### Vets Pool Dates and Rates for the 2016 Summer Season

Located at 26 Caroline Drive, open daily from **Saturday, May 28** through **Sunday, August 7** weather permitting.

#### Pool Hours

Sunday through Thursday hours: noon to 6.

Friday and Saturday hours: noon to 8.

Pool will close early for planned Pool Parties & Newport Penguins Swim/Dive Competitions.

#### Admission Rates

Pool admission is only \$1 Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 28th through Monday, May 30th,

##### Regular Rates for the 2016 Season:

Children 4 and under	Free
Children 5-12	\$3
Ages 13 - Adult	\$3
Seniors (65 & up)	Free
Military with ID	Free

#### Pool Passes and Parties

A Single Pass is \$50; a Family Pass is \$150 for up to 5 household members (additional family members \$25); Institutional Passes are \$350 for 1 adult and 10 children. Pool Parties may be booked on Sun.-Thurs. 7-9 and Fri.-Sat. 8-10. The cost is \$250 for up to 75 people in the pool or \$300 for over 75 people.



### Taste of Newport Returns to Monmouth on Sunday, June 5

Come and get a taste of what Newport has to offer – especially the tempting treats from your favorite eateries! Lots of entertainment throughout the day, live music from two stages, and businesses offering specials. The 700 and 800 blocks of Monmouth will be closed to vehicular traffic so the fun can overflow into the street.

## Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 30. The parade travels from 4th and York, over 6th Street, and up Monmouth to 10th Street. Following the parade there will be a brief ceremony at the City Building. The parade and ceremony will be a respectful tribute honoring Veterans. Your attendance and participation helps recognize this special group while showing pride in our community. The parade typically lasts about 45 minutes.

Participants entering a marching group or "float" in the parade are asked to register in advance and then meet at Fourth and Columbia in the large parking lot adjacent to the Campbell County Courthouse, between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. Volunteers will be present to organize the procession. Groups wishing to participate can get information from [www.newportky.gov](http://www.newportky.gov) call 859.292.3666.

The administrative offices at the City Building will be closed on Memorial Day but our emergency personnel are always on duty! If you have an emergency, call 911. The non-emergency number for dispatch is 859.292.3622.



## Newport Community Gardens

### A Look at What's Taking Root with Molly Saks, Community Garden VISTA at Brighton Center

Residents of Newport have access to growing their very own fresh foods through the Newport Community Gardens project. A group of passionate community members, supporters, and organizations came together in the fall of 2014 to build nearly 200 4' by 8' low-maintenance, raised-bed gardens. This collaborative project began with community partners working together to accomplish two goals.

1. Increase access to fresh vegetables for the residents of the West side of Newport.
2. Increase knowledge of ways to grow, harvest, and cook vegetables so everyone can enjoy a healthier diet.

In addition to growing the traditional tomatoes, cucumbers, and green beans; residents also enjoy growing different kinds of squash, greens, herbs, beets, onions, okra, and zucchini and learning how to expand the growing season by planting both cool weather and summer crops. The community beds are located at 723 Ann Street between 7th and 8th Street.

Local restaurants and retail partners support these efforts through the sales of produce from the Campbell County Detention Center production garden. All proceeds from the production garden are distributed to Brighton Center to support hunger relief efforts and provide a means to sustain the gardens for years to come. These locally grown vegetables are picked at the peak of freshness, flavor and nutrition.

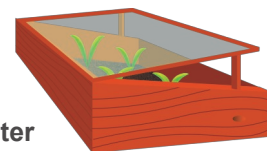
## Stormy Weather



The catch basins, or storm drains, on the side of the road funnel rainwater to Northern Kentucky's creeks and rivers. With the coming of spring showers, it is important to remember that pollutants and debris washed into basins are not usually carried to a treatment plant, but instead are conveyed to a nearby waterway. Once in our creeks and rivers, chemicals, yard debris, litter and dirt can degrade the quality of the water we rely on for drinking water and recreation. Basins and drains clogged by debris also can lead to storm water flooding that creates safety hazards and costly property damage.

Remember these tips to help protect public health, property and the environment:

- Sweep grass clippings, leaves and other debris off the street and away from storm drains.
- Dispose of all waste properly in trash receptacles or recycling bins.
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly on your yard and landscaping.
- Never dump, pour or wash oil, chemicals, paint, yard debris, trash or other substances down a storm drain.



## Meet Your Public Works Department

Many of you know at least one Public Works Employee however most do not know what all a public works employee does or the training they must complete. Did you know the Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining our floodwall that protects the City? In addition to this they are responsible for street sweeping, road repair and maintenance, landscaping and beautification, park and ballfield maintenance, snow and ice removal, leaf pickup, tree maintenance, fleet maintenance for our city including our Police Department and almost every other public service you can think of. To complete this work all of the workers are trained in many different fields. Each Public Works employee, upon hire, is registered in the Kentucky Road Master and Kentucky Road Scholar programs and required to obtain a Commercial Drivers License and a Commercial Pesticide Application License. Each license and certification requires many hours of training to obtain or maintain. This year National Public Works Weeks will be May 15–21 and the theme is “Public Works—Always There.” So next time you see one of our employees thank them for a job well done.

### Street Improvements

Once again, as the weather begins to break, the City is preparing for a significant amount of Road improvements. Many residents have benefited from the street improvement program and many more will as we continue our efforts this year. We continue to coordinate this work with the utility companies in an effort to limit street cuts after the road is resurfaced thereby extending the life of the street and maximizing your tax dollars.

State Representative Dennis Keene has been extremely helpful to the City by assisting us in our efforts to receive grant money for this cause.

As funding permits, roads scheduled to be paved this year include: Wildcat Drive, East Ridge, West Ridge, Laycock, Riddle, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, portions of Putnam and Parkview, and, in the “Island” area, Beech, Linden, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets.



### We're Moving

This spring the Public Works Department will be moving to our new location at 114 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, formerly Trauth Dairy maintenance building. This is an exciting time for us as we prepare for the big move to our new location. This move is the culmination of a many years long commitment to modernize our facilities and provide the residents of Newport with unparalleled services.

### Street Sweeping

#### Prevent Neighborhood Flooding



Our Public Works crews operate the City's street sweeper routinely covering the entire street grid of the City on a monthly basis from March through November. Please abide by the posted no parking signs in the neighborhoods. There are two reasons for this request. First, our crews frequently work in rainy weather since "sweeping" when the road is wet can be more effective. Secondly, there are times that the street sweeper needs to return to make a second pass. Having the path clear for the street sweeper is the best way for you to help us keep the streets clean. Cars can be ticketed during the posted days and times for street sweeping even if you think the sweeper may have passed or isn't coming that day. Please do not blow, sweep, or hose grass clippings, debris, or litter into the street. Please do not throw anything into the sewers. This can clog the storm sewer basins and cause local flooding.

### Trash Collection

Keep in mind that trash collection may be made later in the day when weather, construction, and scheduling issues alter the routes. Collection may be made earlier or later in the day than normal during the summer months. It's best to put your trash out the evening before your collection day (but no earlier than 5 p.m.) to be sure you're not missed. All trash cans should be covered with a lid and must be brought back in on the day of collection.

## May is Historic Preservation Month



"This Place Matters" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2016, as sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The City of Newport has long recognized the importance of and worked to actively support Historic Preservation. City leaders —officials and residents alike— know that historic preservation assists with revitalizing neighborhoods, fosters civic pride, maintains community character, and enhances livability. Celebrating the role of history and preserving the heritage that has shaped us is important. This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the registration of the Monmouth Street National Register District. Our city is proud to have several other official districts including the York Street National Register District, the Mansion Hill National Register District, the Cote Brilliante National Register District, the East Newport National Register District and The East Row Local Historic District, and the Newport Courthouse Square Historic District, as well as many local landmarks. May is also a great time to discuss the merits of historic preservation as an effective tool for managing growth and sustaining development. If you'd like to learn more visit our website [www.newportky.gov](http://www.newportky.gov), explore our neighborhoods, and check out the resources about our local history at the Campbell County Public Library.

## East Row Garden Walk 20th Anniversary

**Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5**  
**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



A \$15 ticket allows you to tour nine private gardens. Free parking and vendor stations at Watertower Square, 6th and Washington. Check out ticketing and event details at [www.eastrowgardenclub.org](http://www.eastrowgardenclub.org).

## Newport Italianfest Celebrates 25th Anniversary Year

Join us Thursday, June 9 through Sunday, June 12 for the 25th Newport Italianfest. Held along Newport's Riverboat Row between the Purple People and Taylor-Southgate Bridges this event kicks off festival season in Newport. This festival has authentic Italian food and live Italian music performed by entertainers from around the nation and from "the old country", a Golf Outing, and a Family Photo Booth showcasing the history of Italian families that settled in Newport generations ago. Other fun includes contests, games, and rides for the little ones. Make plans now to join your family and neighbors at Newport's 25th Italianfest.

This year's entertainment includes Ragdoll, a tribute band that will delight fans of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, the Pete Wagner Orchestra, and festival favorite Moreno Fruzzetti.

## Inaugural Lauren Hill's 5K Spaghetti Run

Our In late 2014 the nation was captivated by Laruen Hill, the 19-year-old Mt. St. Joseph University basketball player who bravely battled but ultimately was taken by a rare form of brain cancer. To honor her memory and to raise money for cancer research and care, Newport's Italianfest will hold the inaugural Lauren Hill's 5K Spaghetti Run at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2016. The Spaghetti Run will benefit Hill's The Cure Starts Now Foundation, which is dedicated to raising funding for pediatric brain cancer research and care. The 5K race will start and finish Riverboat Row & Columbia Street. Pre-registration is \$40 and includes a T-shirt and \$10 of Italianfest "Pasta Bucks", which can be spent at Italianfest vendor booths. Registration is \$50 after June 9. To register visit <http://cincyrace.com/lauren-hills-5k-spaghetti-run/>. For more information about the Foundation and its work, visit [www.thecurestartsnow.org](http://www.thecurestartsnow.org).





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Excitement In  
Newport Now!**

#### **Clip & Save List of Helpful Numbers**

Emergency Dispatch	911
Non-emergency Dispatch	292-3622
Police Administration	292-3634
Fire Administration	292-3612
City Building	292-3666
Property Tax/City Licenses	292-3660
Building Permits/Code Enforcement	292-3637
Recreation/Park/Fields	292-3686
Campbell Co. Library	572-5035
Child Support Enforcement	431-0522
Circuit Court	292-6314
County Jail	431-4611
District Court	292-6305
Driver's Licenses	292-6311
Duke Energy	513-421-9500
Family Support/Food Stamps	1-855-306-8959
Health Department	431-1704
Marriage Licenses	292-3885
Rumpke (Trash & Recycling)	472-7339
Sanitation District 1	578-7450
Northern KY Water District	578-9898
Vehicle Registration	292-3850
Voter Registration	292-3885

## **Newport Now**

Spring/Summer 2016

### **Mark your calendar for these exciting events!**

Veterans Memorial Pool Open Sat., May 28—Sun. Aug. 7  
Memorial Day Parade Mon., May 30 starting at 9 a.m.  
Taste of Newport Sun., June 5  
East Row Garden Walk June 4 & 5  
25th Anniversary Newport Italianfest June 9—12  
Italianfest Golf Outing Fri., June 10  
Inaugural Lauren Hill's 5K Spaghetti Run Sat. June 11  
Motorcycle Rally July 1—4  
Bacon, Bourbon and Brew Festival July 8-10  
Glier's Goettafest Aug. 4-7  
Great Inland Seafood Festival Aug. 11—14  
Rides on Monmouth Car Show Aug. 28  
Riverfest Sept. 4  
Oktoberfest Sept. 23-25  
Harvest Fest Oct. 8  
Details and more dates are at [www.newportky.gov](http://www.newportky.gov) !



There is so much happening in...

# Newport Now!

Keep up to date at [www.newportky.gov](http://www.newportky.gov).

Spring/Summer 2016



## CITY ADMINISTRATION

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## City Manager Shares Good News

With Spring underway it is a good time to examine the condition of the city, reviewing the accomplishments of 2015 and the goals for 2016. We have been fortunate to have stable leadership over a long period of time. This stability has allowed us to "keep our eye on the ball" and steadily work toward accomplishing a shared vision. This vision is to make Newport a great place to live, work, shop and play through enhanced quality of life.



During the past year a whirlwind of positive activity has occurred within Newport. In 2015, we saw the continuation of the annual street and sidewalk repair program, with more than \$900,000 spent on these improvements. In addition to the street program, the Newport Pavilion was completed and fully occupied. The \$80 million Aqua on the Levee project saw a considerable amount of development with a planned opening in late 2016. Groundbreakings for a new Hampton Inn & Suites and for the new Route 9 extension along the Licking River took place. We had considerable citizen involvement with the installation of four Red Bike stands, improvements to Buena Vista Park and an impressive tree planting effort. Forty new businesses made Newport their home and more than 300 new jobs were created, which made this an extraordinary year for economic development. Since 2006, Newport has experienced more than \$200 million in new developments, making this period one of the most successful in the 221-year history of Newport. In the foreseeable future, we project several new developments to occur. Many of these potential developments are mixed-use, with both residential and commercial spaces. There are some developments such as an office building and the SkyWheel that we are diligently working toward. There are many other opportunities, as well. The Route 9 Corridor will spur new development - including residential. The departure of the Baptist Convalescent Center, while creating a short term loss of payroll, will allow us to redevelop that area in a way that will benefit the surrounding neighborhood. If economic conditions stay favorable, I project the total value of developments to exceed \$1 billion dollars, over the next ten years!

While we have been successful in new developments, we will continue to face many challenges as we move into the future. We are still dealing with an aged infrastructure that requires a significant amount of maintenance and repair. During the next few years, we anticipate spending several million dollars on infrastructure-related projects. Some of the other maintenance

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